

Weapons research at McGill to end?

by Susie Petersiel

A motion being discussed at Senate today may make weapons research at McGill a thing of the past.

"I think it's appropriate that we not do weapons research," said Professor Myrna Gopnik, who proposed the motion. "I just feel that banning it is the right thing to do."

"The purpose of the motion is to indicate that the use of university personnel on university time with university resources should not be devoted towards research

which is explicitly designed for the destruction of property and personnel by the military and which is funded by a military establishment," said Professor Abbot Conway, the motion's seconder.

"We all have different roles in life, and occasionally the role as a citizen may become more important than the role as an academic," said Gopnik. "I can understand that, and if people want to support the military, then they should take a leave of

absence from the university to do their research."

"This rose out of the Fuel Air Explosives (FAE) business," said Conway. Gopnik said it "was a precipitating factor. The rule about secret military research wasn't sufficient, and FAE's brought that to the forefront."

Conway is a member of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSAR), which got divestment to go through, but, he said, "The committee's mandate is to receive statements of concern from the

university community only about investment matters.

"The ad hoc committee passed by the Board last week to look into research guidelines may suggest that CAMSR's mandate be extended, but I think it's far better to create an ethics committee to report to Senate," he said. "Of course, this is all pipe dreams right now. Nobody's sat down to plan it yet."

"As with any moral issue, it's a complicated one," said Gopnik. "It's not always easy to

decide — there are clear cases on each side, and some things that fall in between. Lots of things might have to do peripherally with the military, but we're trying to distinguish between something like that, and weapons."

"It's important that we state the moral position of the university. People then constrain their research within those limits. They know they'll face an ethics review board before they can proceed with their work," she said. "It's important to get people to think about what they're doing."

Tenants fight for their rights

by Gregor Allan

A provincial tenants' rights organization is trying to bring its grievances to the attention of the Liberal government this week, with the publication of a document on housing problems.

Front d'Action Populaire en Reaménagement Urbain (FRAPRU) or People's Rights Over Urban Development (PROUD) issued the document Monday as part of their action week on housing.

PROUD is made up of cooperatives and other groups from across Québec who formed in 1982 out of a need to protect the interests of tenants.

"This document is the first one that has all the numerous housing problems listed in one place," said PROUD spokesperson Denyse Lacelle. "These problems range from discriminatory practices to the problems old people face. About one million people in Quebec are affected."

PROUD is concerned with the government's policy on condominium building and conversion, and the creation of low-cost housing. "People with money are buying up houses in popular areas and just throwing out the tenants who then have to find somewhere else to live," said Lacelle. "They invariably end up with a higher rent and housing is reduced."

While the government now has a freeze on the conversion of flats to condominiums, "lifting it would create real problems in the housing industry," explained Lacelle. More condominiums would mean less available housing space.

The government's attitude towards cheap housing only helps to compound the problem. "It is the intention of the Liberal government to stop building low-cost housing," Lacelle said. "What the government has to do is to control rent prices, maintain

the freeze on condominium construction and increase the building of cooperatives and low rent housing."

While distributing their document this week, PROUD will be asking Montréal tenants questions about housing. "We are asking people how much rent they pay for how much income they have," said Lacelle. "There will also be public meetings held across the province to discuss the state of housing in Québec."



What more can be said?

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PGSS autonomy evaded again, again

by Stephanie Lachowicz

For the third meeting in a row, Students' Society did not make a decision on the fate of Graduate student representation.

The Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) lost quorum before a vote could be taken on the issue.

Two winners at judicial board

by Chris Lawson

Though the Students' Society judicial board rejected the Post-Graduate Students' Society's (PGSS) procedural complaint against SSMU, Steven Fraser is claiming a moral victory for PGSS. The Judicial Board ruled last Friday that while adequate notice had been given of PGSS's proposed amendments, SSMU did not violate their constitution when they postponed debate on the amendments.

"I'm satisfied that we are vindicated, that notice was given and that SSMU was using procedure to stonewall the amendments," said Fraser.

Pickersgill was also satisfied. "It seems Council can rest easy.

Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) representatives were disappointed. "I'd like to point out to Students' Society the message this will give to our society. They will not like it," said André Couture, PGSS representative to council.

The proposed motion would increase the representation of post-graduate students in SSMU.

We did not violate our Constitution after all."

Fraser took Students' Council to the judicial board after the February 24th Council meeting, alleging that section 9.1 of the SSMU constitution had been violated by not debating proposed constitutional amendments, presented at the previous meeting.

Sections 9.1 and 9.2 of the SSMU constitution pertain to the amount of notice required for constitutional amendments.

The Board, composed of five upper year Law students, ruled that because "notice of motion" had been given at the previous meeting, and the amendments were on the agenda at the next meeting, that sections 9.1 and 9.2 had been observed.

PGSS is seeking proportional representation, which would give them over a quarter of the seats on council. To back this demand, they recently received a strong mandate from Graduate students to leave Students' Society if their demands are not met.

SSMU President Paul Pickersgill said, "In term of negotiations,

nothing formal has been set up, but I've talked to PGSS representatives about the issue."

PGSS representatives remain pessimistic about the hope of reconciling their differences with SSMU. According to Stephen Fraser, PGSS representative to Council, "We received a very substantial 'no', that we don't want to pay money to Students' Society."

The issue will be discussed at the next Council meeting, April 7th.

The ruling disproves SSMU Speaker Chris Alexander's earlier assertion that adequate notice had not been given.

The Board pointed out that Council's special rules of order, cited in Alexander's ruling, were not relevant in the case of Constitutional amendments, where other procedures are clearly laid out, and should not have been invoked.

But according to Fraser, it doesn't really matter anyway. "The whole point becomes rather moot, given the results of our referendum. We now have a clear mandate to negotiate graduate student autonomy from SSMU," he said.



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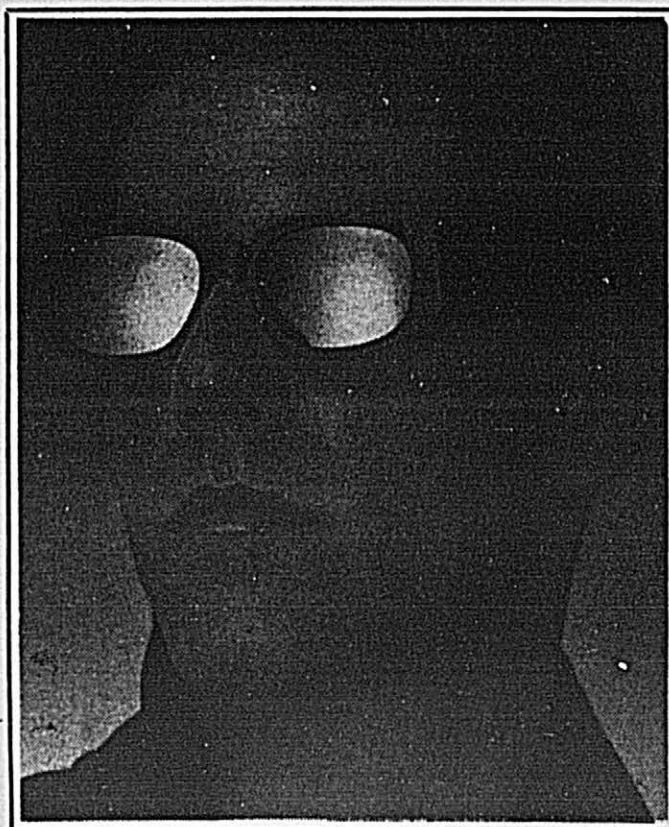
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Laurie Wesley*
Chief Returning Officer
The Residents' Association of McGill University

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Military ties to third world dictatorships

by Maha Sourour

"Israel is today a diplomatically isolated Neo-Pariah state which is tightly linked by military seals to dictatorial states throughout the Third World," said Sheila Ryan when she spoke at McGill last Thursday.

Ryan, the director of the Network for Peace and Justice in the Middle East and contributing editor for MERIP Reports described Israeli relations with South Africa as constituting a "deep military and economic dimension" and the role of the United States as one of a "silent partner".

Israel, according to Ryan, functions as a bridgehead for South African exports to Europe. It imports South African goods and exports them to Europe. ISCORE, a steel producing joint venture between South African and Israeli enterprises is located in Israel and is 49 per cent South African owned and 51 per cent Israeli owned. It exports substantial amounts of steel to Europe under favorable status to Israel via the European Economic Community.

"When Begin was elected, he was already the president of the Israel-South Africa Friendship Society which is a group of prestigious Israeli political and business figures," said Ryan.

Israel's special role in its military relationship with South Africa, according to Ryan, is one

of military supplier in the face of an international embargo on weapons sales to South Africa. "Israel supplies very big pieces of military equipment which would not slip through an embargo."

Israel also aids the development of the South African military industry. South Africa produces weapons under Israeli license which is crucial to South Africa at a time of a military embargo.

The US has also taken extraordinary measures to aid the development of the Israeli military industry.

In 1975, the US allowed Israel \$107 million in foreign military sales credit, of which \$59 million could be spent in Israel. This money went to the development of the MIRKAVA tank project, with over 200 companies in Israel producing parts for it. South African alloy was imported, which ISCORE used to produce steel for the tank.

Israel and South Africa also cooperate on the nuclear level. "Israel brought nuclear technology to South Africa to exchange for nuclear test sights," said Ryan. Israel is a small country, not in a position to test nuclear weapons within its own borders, but with a particular need to test fallout because of its close geographical proximity to the Arab states. As early as 1979 US satellites picked up nuclear test signals in the South Pacific.

Ryan was asked about a recent article on the Israeli government making a statement on distancing itself from the South African regime. She replied that the US congress, "as early as a year ago required that the Department of State report to it on any military relations between any recipient of US security assistance and South Africa." It is to be published on April 1st.

"This of course has created a great deal of consternation in Israel. What we are now seeing is a whole series of reports in the Israeli major newspapers about the fact that Israel has a half a million dollars outstanding in military contracts with South Africa.

"If these were to be lost, think of the law suits, how much it would cost, and how many people we would have to lay off," she said.

"I would read that as a message to the US congress not to take the action which is available to it and cut military aid to Israel because of their relations to South Africa. I believe that's all it means."

Ryan spoke of the relationship between Israel and Guatemala. Again Israeli military supplies to a Third World country took on extreme importance when the US would not supply weapons to it, between 1977-1984. Jimmy Carter and his campaign for Human Rights it would have made

it a public embarrassment since at that time the Guatemalan regime displayed flagrant human rights abuses.

By 1977 Israel had become the primary weapons supplier to Guatemala and TIDIRAM, an Israeli electronics manufacturer which is 45 per cent owned by GTE, supplied the computer system that was used for counter-insurgency purposes, at a time when it would have been impossible for GTE to supply such technology to the Guatemalan regime.

According to Ryan, the computer system has information on 80 per cent of the Guatemalan population. As well, the system is used to monitor electrical and water consumption in the houses of larger cities. If consumption is too high, they are tracked down as possible safe houses used by opposition groups.

"In 1981 the Guatemalan government aided by the Argentine counter-insurgency experts and relying on this computer system's analysis used it to swoop down on several safe houses operated by ORPA which is the revolutionary people's organization and literally wiped out this organization," she said.

The Israeli-Nicaraguan relationship was the third relationship that Ryan spoke of. Again, Israel supplied a country which was politically difficult for the US to supply. Carter stopped US military supplies to Somoza's regime because, like the Guatemalan government, "he

flagrantly violated human rights."

Quoting the Stockholm Peace Research Institute, Ryan said, "By 1979, 98 per cent of Somoza's military imports came from Israel."

The US refused to sanction military supplies in these three cases yet allowed Israel to do so, explained Ryan, quoting the 1978 Department of State official explanation in Somoza's case: "The Carter administration monitors and allows such shipments because it wants to avoid an armed overthrow of Somoza while forcing him to resign."

"That is to prevent an abrupt overthrow of his regime which might bring to power a government not to US tastes," she said. She believes "this kind of thinking is what is behind US policy towards South Africa which on the one hand calls for a prohibition of US weapons supplies to South Africa while clearly approving Israeli supplies to it."

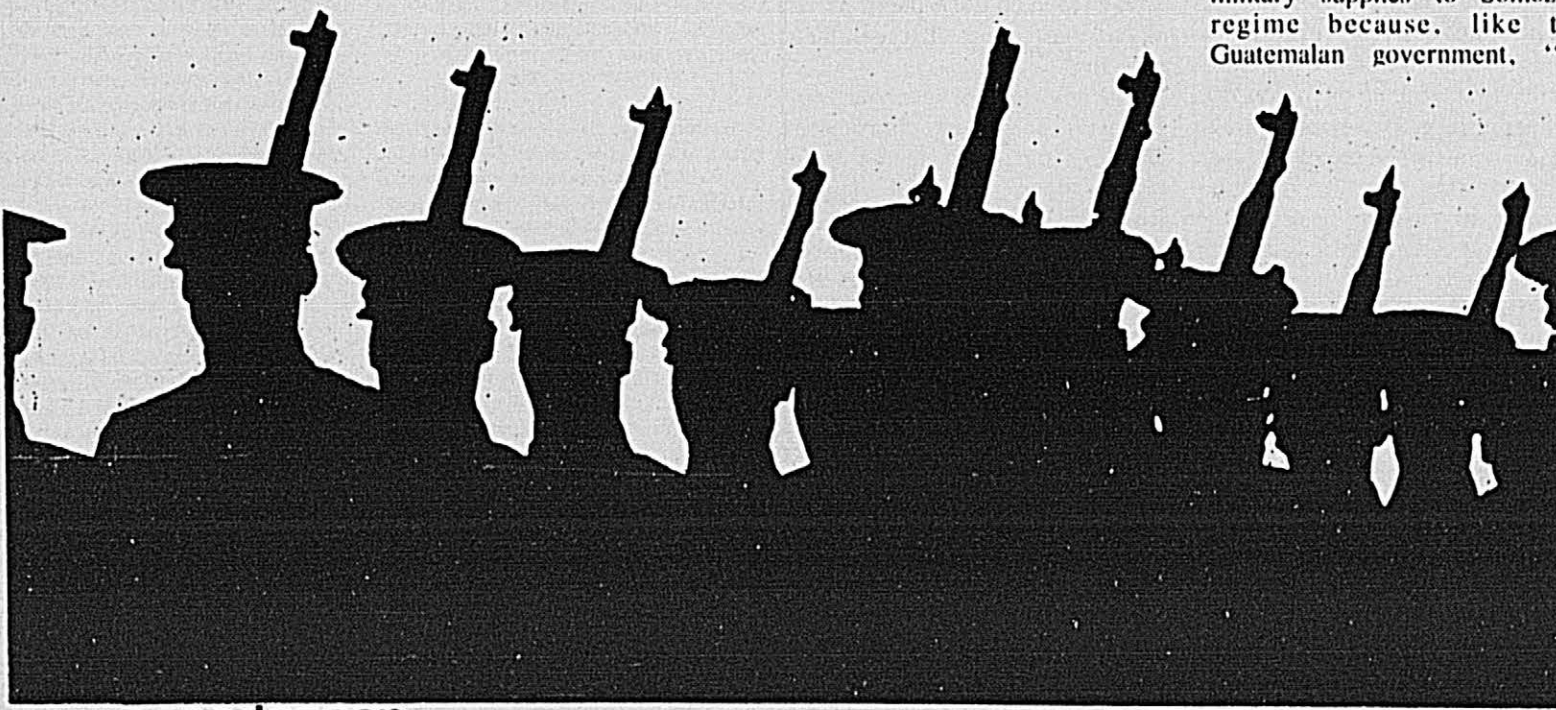
Reports on Israeli supplies to the Contras started to appear as early as 1983.

Ryan also said Israel never really lost its Iranian market for military sales. "As early as 1981, Israel had exported \$135 million worth of military equipment to Iran. By 1983 Israel was exporting a half a billion dollars worth of military equipment to Iran."

The US helps to foster the Israeli military industry in more ways than simply giving aid money towards its development. According to Ryan, between 1979-1984, Israeli firms were enabled to bid on an equal footing with US firms to supply items to the US Department of Defence.

"It is now possible to invest in Israeli military industries in the United States by simply calling your broker," added Ryan. Many Israeli companies are now traded over the counter on stock exchanges across the US and 30 per cent of these are military producers.

Ryan said, however, "I do not want to under-represent the political utility to the United States that it derives from this relationship. The US uses Israel to get things done quietly while Israel at the same time pursues an independent policy of its own."



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Dawson breaks education tradition

Montréal (CUP) — Dawson College is breaking the tradition of free CEGEP education in Quebec by proposing a \$10 per course fee.

The fee proposal, to be considered next month at a college Board of Governors meeting, has outraged students, professors, staff and the government.

Jean-Pierre Paquet, secretary general of l'Association Nationale des Etudiant-e-s du Québec, said ANEQ is planning protests against the fees if the government doesn't formally oppose it.

"I called the education minister's attaché and he was shocked by the proposal. He said it is illegal to charge tuition at a CEGEP," said Paquet.

Education Ministry press attaché Luc Rheume said the government won't allow the college to charge the fee.

Ken Ekins, Dawson student ombudsman, is worried about the ability of many Dawson students to pay the fee. "This is an inner-city CEGEP. We already have students who can't pay the \$36 activity fee," he said.

Steve Muszynski, president of the Dawson Teachers Union, said the fee would further cut enrollment, which has fallen by about 600 students.

He said the reason for the fee is to cover the college's \$700,000 deficit.

Long-term effects of drug DES

Vancouver (CUP) — DES, a controversial drug administered to prevent miscarriages

in pregnant women over three decades, is still having effects on later generations.

Molly Nevin, a fourth year nursing student at the University of British Columbia, has been conducting a directed study on the effects of diethylstilbestrol, and has uncovered some disturbing facts.

Nevin said 97 per cent of the daughters of women who used DES show side effects, including genital tract abnormalities, and a 50 per cent greater risk of developing cervical cancer.

The drug, a synthetic estrogen product given to women between 1941 and 1971, was supposed to stop miscarriages.

It was given to women who had spotting during pregnancy, suffered previous miscarriages, or if the mother had an RH negative blood type and the doctors

thought she might miscarry.

Nevin calculated that women receiving DES were given an average of 31 milligrams of estrogen a day, or 1,000 times higher than the amount a woman would receive in a birth control pill today.

"You're not supposed to take the pill today if you think you're pregnant, let alone 1,000 times the dosage of estrogen that was given to pregnant women during the 40s, 50s, and 60s," said Nevin.

Nevin said one in 60 Canadian women was exposed to the drug which was used widely in the US, Great Britain, Australia and the Netherlands. And DES is still used in Third World nations, she said.

Quiet diplomacy at McGill

Without pomp or pageantry, McGill's Model United Nations Society has been 'cleaning up' at the various UN simulations they have been attending. During the month of February, the Society attended simulations in Princeton, Harvard and Toronto. All three of these conferences provided the Society members with an outlet through which to reveal their diplomatic skills.

These conferences, or 'simulations', replicate the UN in its function and form. A group is given a country which it must represent on the various UN Committees, as well on the International Court of Justice and often NATO or the Warsaw Pact. In order to represent a country, sufficient research must be done on the country and its foreign policy. This entails sorting through a myriad of UN documents and searching through stacks of books for facts and statistics on the particular country. The whole effort is ultimately very rewarding when you are able to stand before the other countries of the world and tout your national line while spewing political rhetoric.

The Princeton University Conference, held February 5th through

8th, gave 21 McGill members an opportunity to illustrate their talents among the ranks of 35 US universities, including Columbia, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Yale, and the United States Military Academy. McGill's team received two awards and four honourable mentions for their representations of Algeria, Canada and the United Arab Emirates. The Canadian delegation was the second best overall delegation behind Harvard's representation of the USSR. The awards were distributed as follows:

John Paterson as Canada on NATO

Kjerstine Kinaschuk, David Zemans as Canada on the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee

Honourable mentions were awarded to:

Melinda Gough as Canada on the Political and Security Committee

Cristine Campbell, Douglas Mann as Canada on the Special Political Committee

Joanne Gamble as Algeria on the International Court of Justice.

The University of Toronto Model UN simulation was held

from February 19th to 22nd. McGill's team representing the US won the Best Delegation award.

The Individual Awards in Committee were:

Clare Crowston as the US on the Political and Security Committee

Dave Bate as Bolivia on the Disarmament Committee

John Stone as the US on the Security Council

There were also three "Pompous Ass" awards presented to the McGill delegation representing the US. The recipients were:

Ted Baltuch on the International Court of Justice

Henry Mizrhi on the Disarmament Committee

John Freed on the International Court of Justice

This past year the McGill Model UN Society has experienced much success, success which promises to continue through next year. Anyone interested should watch for notices in late September specifying meeting dates or contact the Society office in the Union building, room 423.

Kjerstine Kinaschuk



More Babb

To the Daily:

Last year, the Political Science Students' Association (PSSA) considered inviting South African ambassador to Canada, Glenn Babb to speak at McGill. As a result of vigorous protest by the Black Students' Network, the South Africa Committee and others, the PSSA did not follow through with the invitation. McGill has chosen to stand against apartheid. Or has it?

Last Thursday, Babb was smuggled onto campus to speak at Douglas Hall. The covert actions of John Hale and those who collaborated with him undermined any credibility they may have claimed as individuals wanting to hear "both sides" of the story.

As a result of Hale's actions, the BSN is unclear as to what exactly McGill's position on South Africa really is. Is it nominal divestment in order to silence public outrage? Is it currently fashionable to openly "abhor" apartheid while giving private audience to its apologists? At the same time, is Mr. Hale's clandestine invitation of Babb an indication of McGill's actual policy on South Africa? An action begging to be interpreted as overt support for South Africa's system of institutionalized racism. Regardless of the answers to these questions, the BSN is angered, outraged, and insulted by Mr. Hale's actions.

Inviting Babb in a covert manner, to speak to a select audience, at an out of the way campus location, in the name of McGill is definitely not what a university should stand for. Allegedly, it is a setting in which people from a variety of backgrounds can agree to meet to openly discuss, share and exchange ideas and opinions on issues.

In accordance with Students' Society policy, McGill is supposedly not to be implicated in any activities that could be in any way construed as support for the Pretoria government. Thanks to comrades like Messrs. Hale and Babb, this claim can no longer be taken seriously.

By his actions, Mr. Hale has implied that McGill desires to emulate a particular publically racist state. Furthermore, Babb's visit suggests that implicit support of racially supremacist viewpoints is still highly evident. Babb was to have spoken to an assumedly all white audience. He was spirited onto campus surrounded by a phalanx of security officers. Randy Flemmings, the only Black student granted entry, and that only after some discussion, was explicitly told that he would be arrested at the first sign of a disturbance. All of the aforementioned are normal routing practices in South Africa. Does McGill wish to imitate the most evidently racist state in the world?

The BSN is outraged and also saddened. Assuming McGill's policy regarding the South African government is one of isolation and dissociation, Mr. Hale should be publically reprimanded for his contravention of university policy. In any case, the credibility of McGill's position on South Africa has been undermined. Finally it seems painfully evident that the motion to divest was but a gesture, seeing that representatives of McGill can arbitrarily elect to be exempt from its policy of dissociation from apartheid and its supporters. The BSN asks if McGill can contradict itself, what's next?

BSN co-ordinators

Missing Babb

To the Daily:

In his letter of March 23, Scott Katznelson misses the point. The issue is not Glenn Babb's right to free speech (which is guaranteed by Canada's constitution); rather, it is the appropriateness of inviting a representative of a racist state to speak at McGill. I am just as devoted to freedom of speech as Mr. Katznelson, but I would not invite Ernst Zundel to McGill to expound his theory that the Holocaust was a Zionist hoax, nor would I invite Meir Kahane to discuss the Palestinian problem. How is it different to invite a representative to a state that denies citizenship to its indigenous population because their skin is darker than that of the colonizers? An invitation to speak in a respected institution confers a measure of legitimacy, so simple human decency requires that we practice discretion.

To draw a parallel — as Mr. Katznelson does implicitly — between Zuhdi Terzi of the PLO and Glenn Babb of South Africa is to put the dispossessed Palestinian people's demand for redress on the same moral level as the apartheid system, which is designed precisely to dispossess the Blacks of South Africa. This is a grotesque and cruel distortion of reality.

South Africa is one of those states that seek to delegitimize the organizations representing the peoples they oppress by labelling them 'terrorist', while themselves routinely subjecting civilian populations to indiscriminate murderous attacks at a level of violence undreamt of by any 'terrorist organization'. They use the word 'terrorism' exclusively to describe the violence of the oppressed. The word is thus divorced from its dictionary definition, and becomes a weapon in the propaganda war against the national aspirations of subject peoples. In a letter discussing South Africa, Mr. Katznelson mentions 'terrorism' only in connection with the PLO. This suggests that he, too, is using the word in its twisted sense.

Mark Marshall
Arts U3

Auberge for homeless women

Francine's violent, alcoholic father died two years ago when she was 17. Since then, she has tried unsuccessfully to survive on the \$165 she receives per month from welfare. Lacking the skills and training needed for the job market, her situation is further complicated by the emotional fragility and aggressive behaviour which are the results of her brutal upbringing.

After 15 years in a psychiatric institution, Suzette was discharged with a prescription for a drug which was supposed to control her symptoms and enable her to live in the community. During those 15 years, however, Suzette's "community" disappeared — husband, children and friends have all gone their separate ways. Fear, isolation and recurrent bouts of illness have now brought her to the point where she can no longer function on her own.

Janet was forced to flee her rooming house when a drunken co-tenant accidentally set fire to his room. As a single woman on welfare, Janet is going to need plenty of time to find herself another place to stay. Every time she has to move, it seems to be

harder to find a place she can afford.

These are just three of the hundreds of women who have sought help in the past few years at the Auberge Madeleine, a Montréal shelter for women in difficulty. There is every indication that the problem of temporary homelessness is on the increase. In its first year of operation, the Auberge turned away an average of 35 women per month for lack of space. Last year, that figure increased by five per cent and the trend continues. There are many reasons why women come to the Auberge, but what they have in common is a lack of money, friends or family to help them through a temporary crisis or a longer period of difficulty.

The Auberge Madeleine has responded to this urgent situation by providing 14 beds in a cheerful three-storey house in a downtown residential neighbourhood. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, the trained staff and dedicated volunteers offer security, support and practical help to women of all ages and backgrounds.

Some residents need a bed for only a few nights, while others may need as long as two months

to get their lives together again. The Auberge has developed a flexible and creative approach to helping its residents sort out a wide variety of problems. Although some residents need a lot of support and help, the goal is always to encourage them, as far as possible, to take charge of their own lives.

The few shelters which do exist for women without children in Montréal are all private non-profit organisations. Financial support from the government has been either non-existent or minimal, and shelters function on a shoestring budget while they struggle to keep up with the demand for services. The Auberge itself was originally the brainchild of an ecumenical group of downtown churches, who provided much of the funds to get the project going. Nevertheless, the shelter has had to broaden its financial base, and depends to a great extent on the generosity of the public to keep its doors open. Money, donations of food and equipment and volunteer help are always needed. Those who are interested in offering their help are invited to contact the coordinator, Sally Spilhaus, at 844-7578.



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Spare change

To the Daily:

While walking on campus recently, we noticed a poster advertising yet another obnoxious frat party. The theme of this party, given by Lambda Chi Alpha, is "Spare Change" and a prize is offered for the "best spare change imitation." Attendees are encouraged to bring "nickels and dimes" for this competition. This insensitivity is completely unacceptable and shows the hypocrisy of a fraternity which professes community service as one of its goals.

The frat boys obviously have not thought about the hardships faced constantly by marginalized people. Particularly offensive is the singling out of a specific individual as the target of their inconsiderate boorishness.

As university students, we are privileged members of society and so it is especially important for all of us to be socially aware and act responsibly. Lambda Chi Alpha is a sad and disgraceful reflection upon the McGill community.

Eva

Ricelus
Science U3
Jennifer Archer
U3

Arts

Vote of confidence

To the Daily:

I am writing in my capacity as President of the Daily Publications Society Board of Directors to explain several misconceptions which repeatedly appear in the letters to the *Daily* and amongst some members of the Society who seem hell-bent on maintaining these misconceptions to the detriment of the newspaper and to the Society (i.e. students) as a whole.

The most recent of a fairly long string of attempts to obtain increased funding for the paper by way of a student fee increase took place two weeks ago. The effects of the lack of funds and the many reasons for increasing the paper's resources were explained at length in the pre-election campaign. None of the attempts have been successful so far, but in this latest effort the results, when compared with those in the past, suggest a major vote of confidence in the paper. This year, the question was defeated by only 27 votes; 3,126 students turned out. Last year, the ballot was lost by 651 votes; only 1,555 students participated. The student body, it may be concluded, is split down the middle. Contrary to the "Destroy-the-Daily" campaigners' distorted perceptions, this split illustrates a marked improvement in the student body's perception of the paper and even, arguably, approval. Can an even balance of yes and no votes be reasonably said to be a rejection of a "certain anarcho-left-wing clique" which supposedly exercises a "stronghold" over the paper. In its present and historical context, the answer is no.

Finally, I'd like to point out that two of the people who signed the letter in the 23rd March issue from which the quote above is taken are candidates for the four student representative positions to the DPS Board of Directors By-election taking place on the 25th and 26th of March. They apparently believe that if elected, they would be mandated to "democratize" the newspaper by breaking the present "stronghold." They are very much mistaken in their conception of the powers and duties of the Board's Directors. They would do well to refer to the DPS constitution for an outline of these (specifically article 5.3). According to the Constitution, the Board's primary objective is the financial well-being of the paper; it is not to impose its political viewpoint upon an already democratized internal staff/editorial structure and constitutionally valid editorial policy. Perhaps these would-be student representatives would better demonstrate their desire to represent others by informing themselves of the Society's Constitution before running, and/or limit the discussion to the real issues at hand.

Denise

Giroux
Law U3

Womyn not loving
wimmin's issue

To the Daily:

Okay... here's the scenario. (She picks up the *Daily* on March 16) "Hm. Double

Breaasted Issue... Oh! Maybe it's the spring fashion supplement I love seeing what those crazy downtown designers come up with. My boyfriend will love this."

(She sits down and eagerly opens up the first page. Suddenly her eyes widen, and her mouth becomes a terrible, contorted pink-lipsticked grimace.)

"Oh God NO! It's... the Women's Issue! Aaaaughhh!"

(She quickly folds up her paper and stuffs it into her bag.) "Oh, this is so embarrassing! I hope none of my friends saw me! They'd think I hate men! Oh why do they do this to me every year?"

(Oh, she'll read it, all right. She does every year. She feels she has to... just in case. Just in case this year's issue is more than just an "oppression!"-yelling contest. (and of course, in case there are good coupons from Dunkin' Donuts.) Well, maybe next year.)

This picture of life at McGill is brought to you by

Jennifer Reiswig
Science U2

Fruitless

To the Daily:

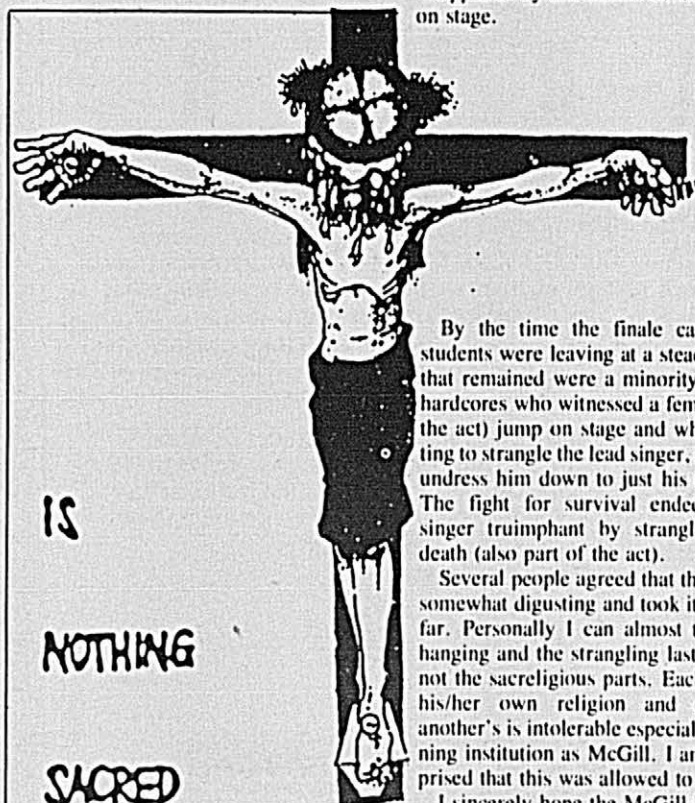
After spending another fruitless lunch hour looking desperately for something readable in the school newspaper, I decided that this complaint was long overdue. The thought of the *Daily* claiming to represent the school population is laughable, but the bastardization of a once-proud institution by your incompetent and biased editorial staff is not funny at all.

Firstly, I'm sure most McGill students don't pay \$5.70 a year to have useless obscenities thrust in front of their faces. I'm not priggish, I'm not shocked the least, I'm just very, very annoyed.

Secondly, and most importantly, there is the (perhaps shocking) fact that 90 per cent of the university population is not gay, lesbian, rastafarian or hung up about being male, female, martian or any of the above. The *Daily* has now offered us issues on prostitution (a big students issue, I've heard) to lesbian sex and where to get it. Face it, *Daily*, we're sick of this crap. The *Daily* should not, must not be a student-funded voice for only a score of students. This is not one man's reactionary opinion, as I am assured by many others that they share my views. I'm not asking for a male heterosexual *Daily* issue, but some real journalism would be appreciated.

The *Daily* as it now stands is a crime, but to can it would be a shame, if only because of its tradition as the voice of McGill. However, I wouldn't like to bet on its chances after the latest rash of annoying issues. Come on, *Daily* it doesn't amuse any more. Let's have a real newspaper.

Michiel Schrey
Arts U1



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Death penalty

To the Daily:

I attended the debate on capital punishment sponsored by Amnesty International held on March 16th. Although I am a committed abolitionist, I feel that the debate's organizers could have done a better job. Amnesty International is too non-neutral on this debate to be considered a fair and impartial sponsor for a forum on such a polarized issue. To be blunt, I feel that the speakers and audience were stacked in favour of the abolition side, which I repeat is my position as well. The arguments articulated by the pro side were embarrassing, and lower the level of debate to a contest of ridicule between bleeding heart liberals and authoritarian conservatives. This was a disservice to those with more moderate views who I am sure are well represented in the Canadian population.

An impartial sponsor would have invited more mainstream viewpoints, such as representatives of groups who are perceived by some to be the most vulnerable, namely victims' rights organizations, prison guard lobbies, and associations of police officers. These groups would have prompted more detailed discussion of the arguments held by many reasonable people. Unfortunately those chosen for the pro side made what was potentially an intelligent debate a circus for ridiculing proponents of capital punishment. As well, if one is going to invite a religious viewpoint, it should have been possible for the organizers to find a representative other than an obscure, incoherent fundamentalist Christian. What about other religious viewpoints? I believe that logic and facts remain on the side of abolition. It should not be necessary for the debate to be fought with such trivial rebuttals and namecalling.

Michael J. McClintock
Arts U3

Disappointed

To the Daily:

The final chapter of 1987's Montréal New Music Festival took place in the ballroom from March 11 to March 14. Out of the a total of 12 bands I was fortunate enough to see 9.

Although I was impressed by the entertainment, the last band 'Disappointed a few People' (DAFP) ended the festival on a sour note. I was wondering what kind of a band recorded a single entitled 'Fuck with Christ'.

Lead singer Ian Stephens' antics on stage were appalling. He started off by kneeling on a prayer stand, making a mockery by blessing himself and then kicking the stand ashambles.

After running around trying to hang himself on fake trees, he then continuously whipped away at a bust of Christ while still on stage.

By the time the finale came around students were leaving at a steady rate. All that remained were a minority of faithful hardcores who witnessed a female (part of the act) jump on stage and while attempting to strangle the lead singer, managed to undress him down to just his underwear. The fight for survival ended with the singer triumphant by strangling her to death (also part of the act).

Several people agreed that the band was somewhat disgusting and took it a little too far. Personally I can almost tolerate the hanging and the strangling last scene, but not the sacrilegious parts. Each of us has his/her own religion and desecrating another's is intolerable especially at a learning institution as McGill. I am very surprised that this was allowed to take place.

I sincerely hope the McGill Programming Network does have better taste in the future by programming bands such as all the others who partook. After having been paid \$300.00 DAFP did end up 'disappointing a few people'.

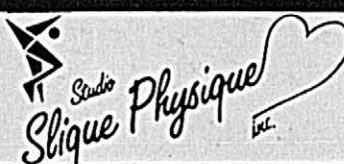
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Chad Maglaque's pensketch (ASUS candidate for President) as printed in the Monday, March 23rd issue of *The McGill Daily* was over the 100 word limit. Our apologies to the other presidential candidates.

Alix MacLean
ASUS C.R.O.

The Final Issue of the *Daily* is on April 8th. Why not write a feature or story?

Amerika again

To the Daily:

"The mini-series (Amerika) was slander, pure and simple." I don't think so. Granted, the mini-series had cast the Soviets in unfavorable light but I don't believe it was intended propaganda (or intentional slander). I do believe that the point of the movie was to instill some controversy but I don't think pro-American or anti-Soviet sentiment was supposed to be the key issue.

What I saw was the futility of hard line ideological conflicts (in the series Devin (Kris Kristopherson) VS the Soviet politbureau). I feel that the series showed that despite conflicting ideologies people could work together (in this case Robert Urich and Colonel Danisof), teaming up to arrive at some common (and practical) good that would be impossible under anyone of the two opposing doctrines.

What I concluded to be the point of the series (a strictly personal opinion) was that hard line ideological conflict reinforced by a strong sense of nationalism will bring about nothing but conflict and destruction. It is my personal view that the successful road to the future is one that should be paved by moderates and not extremists (be they leftist, rightist, militants or pacifists).

Fotis Xipolitakis
Arts UI

Yiddish autopsy

To the Daily:

I was shocked to read an interview with Professor Ruth Wisse of McGill, in the November issue of "Jewish Exponent", entitled "No Tears For Dying Language". In the interview, Professor Wisse was quoted as saying: "I am certainly not one who mourns the decline of Yiddish in America..." and later: "It's a crime to be sentimental about the decline of Yiddish, she said with emotion. 'It's criminal. One needs to know what went wrong. That's what one wants Yiddish for!'"

It would seem, that to Professor Wisse, the Yiddish language is nothing but a dead or dying bacterial culture to be poked, prodded and studied. In fact, Yiddish is very much a living breathing body. To put it to the knife, dissect it and analyze it as she would do, is the same as performing an autopsy on a living person. To prove her point that Yiddish is dead or dying, she is willing to perform that autopsy on Yiddish. This is a dangerous attitude.

And why is it a "crime to sentimental"? Does that make students of Yiddish and their professors, Yiddish speakers, readers and writers, criminals? I am a student of McGill and a lover of Yiddish language and literature. There are many other young Yiddish enthusiasts like me. Why are we criminals, according to Prof. Ruth Wisse, if the future of Yiddish is our concern?

If Professor Wisse is to continue with the Jewish Studies department at McGill, she should be promoting Yiddish to attract new students. To promote 'doom and gloom' is counter-productive to McGill.

Name withheld by request

Hale speaks

An open letter to SSMU:

Last Tuesday, March 10, I was unanimously censured by the Students' Society of McGill University for having

invited Mr. Glenn Babb, the South African Ambassador to Canada, to speak to the residents of Douglas Hall. In addition, I have been commanded to apologize to the Black community and to McGill.

I assumed that, at least as a matter of courtesy, the SSMU would have conveyed its censure and its demands to me personally by now. I was wrong. My only knowledge of what was voted on is what I read in last Wednesday's *Daily*. Nevertheless, I believe that it is my duty — and my right — to respond both to SSMU and to various allegations which have appeared in the *Daily* over the past week.

So why did I invite Babb? For at least three reasons, the first of which goes like this: (1) South Africa is a deeply troubled nation; (2) many students at McGill (and more particularly, at Douglas Hall) are actively trying to find out what contributions they can make to the solutions of South Africa's problems; (3) the students have already been presented with one solution for ending apartheid: economic and diplomatic sanctions; (4) they have not been presented with the South African's government's arguments against sanctions; (5) they should have a chance to hear these arguments; (6) the most qualified person in Canada to argue on behalf of the South African government is its ambassador, Mr. Glen Babb; (7) therefore, Mr. Babb should speak at Douglas Hall.

I had two other reasons for inviting Mr. Babb. First, I wanted to provoke students to think about South Africa and its problems. In order to be provocative, I thought it best to present to the students somebody with whom they disagreed rather than someone with whom they agreed. Consider that the residents of Douglas Hall are still heatedly discussing South Africa, and then consider that abortion — the topic of the following night's discussion with Dr. Henry Morgentaler — has hardly been mentioned since. Consider that students who used to skip over the South Africa stories in the newspapers are now reading them, and that some are even taking books from the library. Bringing in Mr. Babb made Douglas Hall students more sensitive to South African issues.

Second, I wanted to lose the sense of shame of being a McGill student that I felt last year when another campus group was forced, due to the inevitable controversy, to abandon its plans to invite Mr. Babb. I wanted to prove that a group of university students was capable of engaging in civil discussion with a man with whom they fundamentally disagreed, and the residents of Douglas Hall — to their credit — have provided that proof.

Apparently the Students' Society has a policy which forbids representatives of the South African government from speaking on campus. That policy is dead wrong. I was not aware of the policy when I invited Mr. Babb, but in my enlightened retrospect I would do it again. You see, at Douglas Hall our minds are not made of mush. Like the majority of McGill students, we are capable of sifting through the information that is presented to us and coming to our own conclusions. As much as we admire the efforts of the South Africa Committee, Uhuru na Ufahamu, and the Students' Society, we refuse to be told to accept without question somebody else's "correct" opinion on a very complex issue. We refuse to be told who we may or may not listen to as we try to formulate our own opinions. And we refuse to come crawling to anybody, asking "Please, sirs, may we invite Mr. Babb (or anyone else) for dinner?"

To those who say that we should not have listened to Mr. Babb, I ask have you ever spoken to a representative of the South African government? If yes, then who are you to say somebody else may not do so? If not, then how can you say that you disagree with arguments which have never been put to you? In the law business we have a fundamental principle called the hearsay rule. You should look it up.

The residents of Douglas Hall have met the South African Ambassador. They had the unique opportunity to judge his arguments and his credibility. And they had the unique opportunity — at least at McGill — of hearing the other side.

For providing them with this opportunity I cannot, and will not, apologize.

John Hale
Law U4



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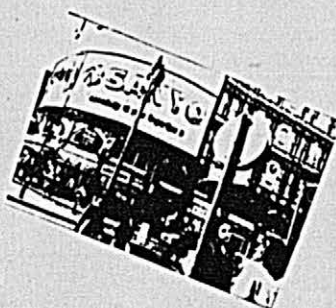


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